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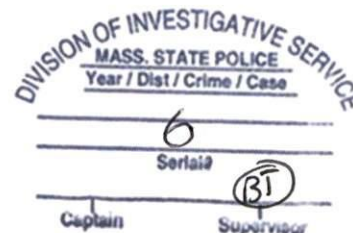
TO: Detective Lieutenant Brian Tully, #3520

FROM: Sergeant Yuriy Bukhenik, #3543

SUBJECT: Firefighter Anthony Flematti (DOB (c)) at Canton Fire HQ
RE: O'Keefe MV Homicide

Case: 2022-112-33

1. On January 29, 2022, at approximately 6:04AM Canton Police Department received a 911 call from a woman reporting a male party, John O'Keefe found in the snow at 34 Fairview Road. At the time of the 911 call there was heavy snow and the temperature was in the teens. Officers Saraf and Mullaney, were dispatched to the scene along with Canton Fire and EMS. One of the responding Canton Fire Department personnel was Anthony Flematti (DOB (c)) who Trooper Proctor and I met at the Canton Fire Dep. HQ for a prescheduled interview on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 10:30 AM. The following is a summary of information requested and provided by Anthony during that interview with Tpr. Proctor and me.



2. Anthony has been employed by the Canton Fire Department for the last 7 years with 3.5 years with the Athol Fire Department prior. On January 28, 2022, Anthony was working an overtime shift that started at 6:00 PM through 8:00 AM on the 29th which is when he started his regular scheduled shift. Anthony was working out of Revere Street HQ station assigned to the A1 Ambulance. At approximately 6:05 AM a call came in for an unresponsive male party in the snow.

3. Upon arrival at 34 Fairview Road, Anthony recalled seeing two Canton Police officers on scene and Canton Fire Engine that his ambulance followed there. Anthony told us he observed a female party doing chest compressions on the male victim. Anthony told us that Firefighter Katie spoke with Karen Read collecting medical history for the victim and was also told by Karen that she last saw the victim alive at 1:00AM earlier that morning. This is when Anthony heard Karen say “I hit him, I hit him, I hit him.” Anthony recalls Canton PD officers getting involved and Karen telling them that “Last time I saw him was 1:00 AM.”

4. Anthony told us that he observed the victim having frozen digits, which was consistent through the forearms. There was no lividity observed and once in the ambulance and victim’s clothing removed, Anthony observed the 7 to 8 scratches on the victim’s right arm, which appeared to be deep and fresh. Additionally Anthony noted the victim’s eyes to be swollen and the right eye was also bruised. Victim’s feet were frozen and white in color which is consistent with frostbite. Once chest compressions began, there was blood coming from the victim’s nose and mouth and began to pool in the corner of the victim’s eyes by the nose. Anthony recalls suctioning a good amount of blood and fluid from the victim’s mouth and lungs. According to Anthony blood and fluid in the lungs indicates the victim was vomiting and inhaled the fluids into the lungs. Anthony stated that there was approximately 300 to 500ml of suctioned fluid.

5. I asked Anthony if he noticed anything about the victim’s clothing, to which he stated that the victim was missing one of his shoes. I confirmed with Anthony that the shoe was not discarded or removed from the victim, to which he stated that the shoe was missing the entire time and was not removed by any of the paramedics on scene. Anthony told us that upon arrival at Good Samaritan hospital, he and his CFD partners remained there as a resource for doctors who were working on the victim.

6. Tpr. Proctor and I circled back to Anthony’s recollection of first arriving on scene at 34 Fairview Road. Anthony told us that visibility was poor with slick road conditions. Anthony recalled

that the previous call that his Ambulance went on was 1:00 AM and conditions at that time were good with a slight coating of snow on the ground. Anthony told us that the bad weather moved in during the 5:00 AM hour and when he arrived on scene, visibility was 30-40 yards with blowing wind and cold blizzard conditions. When Anthony arrive, he could not see the victim from the road which was approximately 30 yards away and only assumed that the victim was near the female standing off the road in the snow. Anthony approximated the distance to be 10 to 12 feet into the grass from the snowbank in the road, which was created by the snow plow truck. Once near the victim, Anthony recalls him being covered in some snow and partially visible. Anthony also told us this is when he heard the female say at least twice "I hit him." Anthony does not know the female but based on her knowledge of the victim and ability to answer questions on medical history, he believed her to be the spouse. Anthony added that she could not stop saying "I hit him", but Anthony did not know if it was a physical strike by the female and did not have any knowledge of a vehicle being involved. Anthony recalled checking the victim's pupils which were fixed and approximately 3-4mm. Not having any further information regarding the incident, Tpr. Proctor and I thanked Anthony for his time and concluded the interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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